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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

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### TRADE ACT OF 2002

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, before we conclude today, I would be remiss if I did not thank a number of people.

First, in the House, I want to thank Chairman BILL THOMAS. He and I disagree on some things—that's for sure. But we share a common goal of both expanding trade and helping workers left behind by trade. And we share the goal of getting this to the President's desk as soon as possible so that we can help jump-start this economy. We worked together to craft a strong trade bill—and I thank him for his efforts.

Second—I want to thank Congressmen CAL DOOLEY, JOHN TANNER, and BILL JEFFERSON, who helped craft the House fast track legislation, and also ANNA ESHOO and KEN BENTSEN, who provided so much help on TAA.

In the Senate, I first want to thank Senator DASCHLE, who has helped this trade bill move through every step of the process. I also want to thank two Senators who played a key role during the committee process—Senator BINGAMAN for his efforts on TAA and Senator BOB GRAHAM on ATPA. And I appreciate Senator BREAUX's work both during the Senate negotiations and during the conference.

I also want to give credit to a number of Senators whose efforts made this legislation much better. Senators DAYTON and CRAIG on trade laws; Senator EDWARDS on the textile negotiating objectives and also on TAA; Senator KENNEDY on access to medicines; Senator HARKIN on child labor; Senator INOUE on some of the tuna provisions in ATPA, and Senators ROCKEFELLER,

MURKOWSKI, and WELLSTONE on benefits for steel retirees.

Finally, I, of course want to thank my partner on the Finance Committee, Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY for being helpful throughout this process.

Of course, to actually complete work on a major bill like this requires the efforts of many others. For more than 18 months, many staff members have made incalculable efforts to prepare this legislation and move it to passage.

John Angell and Mike Evans oversaw the efforts of the Finance Committee staff on this legislation and all other activities of the Committee.

Greg Mastel led the effort on the Democratic staff to prepare this legislation from the first round of hearings to the final Senate vote. He was ably assisted by a tremendously skilled and energetic staff, including Tim Punke, Ted Posner, Angela Marshall, Shara Aranoff, and Andy Harig.

The Finance Committee health and tax staffs also played an important role, especially Liz Fowler, Kate Kirchgraber, Liz Liebschutz, Mitchell Kent, and Mike Mongan.

The Finance Committee also benefited from the able efforts of the leading Republican staff members, Everett Eissenstat and Richard Chriss.

In the House, the staff of the Ways and Means Committee and the New Democrats who supported this bill deserve similar credit.

This legislation also literally would not have been possible without the help of our skilled legislative counsel, Polly Craighill, Stephanie Easley, and Ruth Ernst, and Mark Mathiesen.

Finally, I would say a word of thanks to the many members of the Administration who staffed and supported this legislative effort, including Grant Aldonas, Faryar Shirzad, Peter Davidson, John Veroneau, Heather Wingate, Brenda Becker, Penny Naas, and many others.

I—as well as the Senate and the country—owe you all a debt of gratitude.

I also rise today to thank one additional person who played an enormous role in the passing of this trade bill—Howard Rosen.

I do not believe there is a person in this country who feels more passionately about the TAA legislation than Howard Rosen. He helped write this bill, he worked hard to encourage Members of the Senate and Members of the House to support this bill, and he is a big reason that we now have such a good TAA program.

And I know Howard's efforts will not end here. I know he will keep working to make TAA an even better program. We all owe him a great deal of thanks.

### ANTICIRCUMVENTION

Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, I want to bring to the Senate's attention a section of the conference agreement that is extremely important to the future of the U.S. sugar program and to the workers and companies in the domestic sugar industry. As the gentleman from Montana knows very well, I am talking about Section 5203 of the Trade Act of 2002, regarding sugar tariff-rate quota circumvention. The policy established in Section 5203 on sugar tariff rate quota circumvention is very

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